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## *The President's Dispatch*

I am writing this with memories that are all a blur. I opened our meeting on August 17, a few minutes after 7 PM. Some of the items discussed were the current club stamp inventory, the status of the buying committee, topical issues for the buying committee to consider and the total solar eclipse and its related covers.



The club stamp inventory is quite limited at this time. There is not much left, but, a few more items will be offered in the next couple of auctions. We did purchase some Boy Scout stamps and sold some at the last auction. There will be more Boy Scout stamps offered in the next two auctions along with some world wide souvenir sheets.

Some other countries that have issued solar eclipse stamps ( not necessarily for the 2017 eclipse ) are Great Britain, Isle of Mann, Hungary, France, Turkey Netherland, Antilles, Portugal and Alderney. I'm sure there are others so you could probably put together a nice little collection of stamps and covers on the eclipses. Maybe someone will do that for next year's HOLPEX stamp show.

One of the nice things about collecting stamps is the endless variety of options that you have to make stamp collecting interesting and keep it interesting. I probably would be able to keep busy with the hobby for the next five to six years and not purchase anymore stamps ( so WHY do I keep buying stamps? ). The only things I would need are paper and ink for

## *Club Calendar*



*Guests and Visitors  
always Welcome!*

**September 21st - 7 p.m.**  
Monthly Meeting at  
Northeast State Community College  
Student Services Building Cafeteria

my printer so that I can keep creating custom album pages for all the different things I collect.

That's about all I have for this month. Hope to see you at our September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Below is a picture of our August meeting courtesy of our Vice President, Don Ashley.



*Steve*

## Stamp of the Month by your newsletter editor

The September 2017 issue of *The American Philatelist* has an article about words on stamps. Did you know The Guinness World Records' website states that the stamp issued by Belgian Post Group in honor of International Women's Day in 2014 currently holds the record with 606 words on one stamp. The stamp depicts the face of a woman made up entirely of tiny words. Next month (Oct. 27) the United Nations Postal Administration will issue a three-stamp souvenir sheet. Each stamp will have the entire text of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with its preamble in English. One stamp will be denominated in USA currency, one in Swiss currency and the other in Austrian currency. These three countries host the three main headquarters for the United Nations. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, including preamble, will be spread over 60 lines of micro-printing on each stamp. The document is reported to be made up of 1,778 words. Once the stamp is issued Guinness World Records judges will examine the stamps and determine the word count for each stamp. Even though the text will be in English, on the USA denominated stamp title of the document will be in English. The Swiss denominated stamp will have the title in French. The Austrian denominated stamp will have the title in German. So the number of words that make up each title could be different. Which one of the three stamps do you think will be the new world record holder?

You might take on as a challenge to yourself to purchase the souvenir sheet and then blow up each of the stamps to make the words legible. Do you own word count and then see if you agree with what the Guinness World Records posts in its next edition.



## *Monthly Treasury Report*

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Beginning Balance June 9, 2017    | \$3,187.34 |
| Beginning Cash on Hand            | \$3,187.69 |
| checking account balance          | \$2,792.93 |
| cash box                          | \$502.41   |
| issued checks not cleared         | (\$107.65) |
| Total Income for Jun./Aug.        | \$13.85    |
| HSC Auction sales                 | \$13.85    |
| Total Disbursements for Jun./Aug. | (\$70.28)  |
| Purchase from KPS                 | (\$70.28)  |
| Ending Balance Aug. 9, 2017       | \$3,131.26 |
| Ending Cash on hand Aug. 19, 2017 | \$3,157.38 |
| checking account balance          | \$2,930.11 |
| cash box                          | \$227.27   |
| issued checks not cleared         | (\$0.00)   |

*FYI. eight members sold 57 items totaling \$155.80 at the July special auction. HSC owned items sold during the auction totaled \$13.85.*

## Update on the Legends of Hollywood

The U.S. Postal Service's Legends of Hollywood series began in 1995 with the 32¢ Marilyn Monroe stamp. So far 20 people have been honored in the Legends of Hollywood series. The 20<sup>th</sup> stamp in the series was a forever stamp issued in 2016 for Shirley Temple. With no announcement about another Legends of Hollywood stamp since 2016, *Linn's Stamps News* decided to query the USPS about continuing the series. The reply from USPS was "If and/or when we have something to announce regarding stamps, we will announce it." So the status of this series is in limbo.

Do you recall the names of the twenty people that have made up the series so far? If you are not sure the names are:

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Marilyn Monroe  | James Dean         |
| Humphrey Bogart | Alfred Hitchcock   |
| James Cagney    | Edward G. Robinson |
| Lucille Ball    | Cary Grant         |
| Audrey Hepburn  | John Wayne         |
| Henry Fonda     | Judy Garland       |
| Jimmy Stewart   | Bette Davis        |
| Gary Cooper     | Katherine Hepburn  |
| Gregory Peck    | Shirley Temple     |



Unless otherwise indicated  
by announcement in the newsletter,  
Holston Stamp Club conducts its regular  
meeting on the 3rd Thursday  
each month at 7 p.m.

### **Hope to C. U. there**

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